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Dear Examiner Nguyen:

 Re: United States Patent Application No. 09/636,701 Filed August 11, 2000  
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Attached is a covering letter concerning the missing signature page of our response filed August 9, 2004 with a copy of the complete submission including the acknowledgment from the USPTO of all documents filed and received on August 9, 2004.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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In The Matter of United States Patent Application:

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The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C.  
United States of America 20231

Dear Sirs:

On August 9, 2004, we filed by facsimile our response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 9, 2004, on the above referenced application.

On August 23, 2004, we contacted Examiner Nguyen to schedule an Examiner's Interview and were informed that the signature page of the response was missing and therefore the response was deemed not filed.

Examiner Nguyen suggested contacting Customer Service and resolving the issue of missing signature page. On August 25 and August 26 two voice mail messages were left for both Examiner Nguyen and Customer Service explaining the situation and requesting advice how to resolve the missing signature page problem.

Since we have not heard from either Examiner Nguyen or Customer Service we are re-filing the response as filed on August 9, 2004, along with the acknowledgement from the USPTO that all pages were received on August 9, 2004.

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this response.


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Respectfully submitted,

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